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JUNE 19 CBS INTERVIEW

SUMMARY: FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY LA STAMPA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT INTERPRETS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JUNE 19 INTERVIEW ON CBS IN TERMS OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE FOLLOWING JUNE 15 COMMUNIST ELECTORAL GAINS. ZUCCONI READS INTO SECRETARY'S REMARKS A WARNING TO TRADITIONALLY PRO-US, ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES IN ITALY THAT THEY CAN ONLY EXPECT US SUPPORT IF THEY REFLECT THE POPULAR WILL AND DELIVER SOCIAL JUSTICE. ZUCCONI ALSO WONDERS WHETHER HIS VERSION OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS ARE NOT POSSIBLE SIGNAL TO EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS THAT US WILL SUSPEND ITS TRADITIONAL IDEOLOGICAL PREJUDICE AGAINST THEM IF THEY PLAY THE DEMOCRATIC GAME. END SUMMARY.

1. CENTER-LEFT ORIENTED LA STAMPTA OF FURIN (FIAT-AGNELLI CONTROLLED) HAS FRONT PAGE ARTICLE JUNE 22 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VITTORIO ZUCCONI TAKING OFF FROM STATEMENT IN SECRETARY'S JUNE 19 CBS INTERVIEW ON US SUPPORT FOR "DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, HUMANE GOVERNMENTS..." ZUCCONI STATES THAT WHAT SECRETARY IS SAYING IS THAT "IN ORDER TO RECEIVE US SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP, A (FOREIGN) GOVERNMENT MUST SUPPORT ITSELF ON TWO PILLARS, THE POPULAR WILL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE." IN SUB-

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STANCE, ZUCCONI, WRITES, KISSINGER IS SAYING THAT US IS TIRED

OF BACKING "LOSING HORSES" JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST.

2. ZUCCONI ANALYZES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ITALIAN SITUATION IN THE WAKE OF THE HEAVY COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) ELECTORAL GAINS. HE SEES THEM AS (1) A "WARNING" TO TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY FORCES (READ THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) WHO HAVE LOST CONTACT WITH THE POPULAR WILL AND WHO HAVE FAILED TO DELIVER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND (2) A POSSIBLE "SIGNAL TO THE PCI AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN MARXIST PARTIES TO TELL THEM THAT AMERICA IS WILLING TO SUSPEND (ITS) IDEOLOGICAL PREJUDICES AND TO COEXIST (WITH THEM) IF THEY RESPECT THE DEMOCRATIC GAME."

3. ZUCCONI ALSO EXAMINES TENDENCY HE NOTES IN WASHINGTON TO "ACCEPT WHATEVER RESULT THE EUROPEAN PIAZZAS AND BALLOT BOXES GIVE" AND TO RECAST THE NATO MILITARY ALLIANCE IN TERMS OF RELIANCE ON THE "MOST FAITHFUL MEMBERS: BRITAIN AND GERMANY."

4. COMMENT: MANNER IN WHICH ZUCCONI HANDLES SECRETARY'S REMARKS (AS REPORTED 6/23 WIRELESS FILE) IS UNFORTUNATELY TYPICAL OF WAY MANY JOURNALISTS HERE TWIST AND/OR TAKE OUT OF CONTEXT USG POLICY STATEMENTS TO SUPPORT THEMES REFLECTING THEIR PARTICULAR POLITICAL ORIENTATION. THESIS DEVELOPED BY ZUCCONI HAS BEEN FLOATED PREVIOUSLY BY LEFT OF CENTER PRESS AS WELL AS BY PCI ITSELF TO SUGGEST THAT NEGATIVE US ATTITUDE TOWARD ITALIAN COMMUNISTS MAY BE CHANGING. VOLPE

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